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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **MURAYAMA, Kei**

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Examiner: **Howard E. ABRAMOWITZ**

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For: **ELECTROLESS PLATING METHOD**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 14, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **December 29, 2005**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.